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Group Art Unit: 2611

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In re Patent Application of: :  
Morinaga et al. :  
Application No.: 09/646,589 : Group Art Unit: 2611  
Filed: September 19, 2000 : Examiner: N. K. Vu  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: